(ii) The Central Board has prescribed norms of water quality for different uses of river water.

(iii) Surveillance and assessment of water quality in the major rivers of the country are being broadened and intensified by increasing the number of water quality monitoring stations;

(iv) Formulation of guidelines for silting of industries;

(v) Fiscal incentives are given to encourage industries to have pollution control equipment; and

(vi) Steps are being taken for amendment of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, to make it comprehensive and to provide for niore stringent punishment to defaulting units.

Payment of dues to the Employees volun tarily retired in the State Bank of Indore, Bhopal

205. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the "number of employees voluntarily retired by the Zonal Office of the State Bank of Indore at Bhopal during December, 1987 who have not been paid their provident fundjgratuity dues despite a lapse ' of more than three months after their retirement;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in payment of their dues;

(d) what is the total amount payable to such employees with details; and

(e) what steps Government have initiated to ensure payment of provident fund dues to these employees without further delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : 'a) to (e) State Bank of Indore has reported that one employee of Bhopal Region who was unauthorisedly absenting himself from duties for a long time was deemed as having retired under the provisions of the Bipartite Settlement after serving the employee due notice to this effect. The bank has further reported that the Provident Fund of Rs. 31,000 (approx.) and gratuity of Rs. 24,000 (approx.) subject to deduction of bank dues is payable to him. The concerned employee has, however, not submitted claim papers for the terminal benefits of provident fund and gratuity so far.

Resigstration of Dealers under Delhi Sales Tax Act of 1975 by Sales Tax Officers

206. SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that registration of a dealer under the Delhi Sales Tax Act of 1975 and under the Central Sales' Tax Act and prescription and acceptance of surety|security during 1978 and 1979 was done by Sales Tax Officers only and that an Assistant Sales Tax Officer could do this work only when he was specifically authorised to do so by an order of the higher authorities; and

(b) what was the strength of ASTOs in the office Of the Commissioner of Sales Tax, Delhi during 1978 and 1979 and how many ASTOs were authorised to do registration, prescription and acceptance of surety|security

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total number of Assistant Sales Tax Officers Jn 1978 and. 1979 were "87. Delhi Administration have informed that it is not possible after lapse of about 9 years to give the exact number of ASTOs who were authorised to do regis tration, prescription and acceptance of surety | security.